

Mission Statement

To facilitate access to equitable and quality services for individuals, families, and communities through culturally and linguistically appropriate service delivery.

Who we are

The New Jersey Statewide Network for Cultural Competence began in 2002 as an initiative of The New Jersey Department of Health to improve culturally competent policies, procedures and practices through participation in a technical assistance project developed by the National Center for Cultural Competence at Georgetown University. Upon completion of the project, participants decided to work together to develop a broad-based network to advance culturally competent practices in New Jersey. Early milestones included the development of a listserv and resource directory in 2003, the launch of a website in 2005, and two statewide conferences in 2010 and 2012.

The agencies and organizations involved in the Network include more than 130 public/non-profit State, community and private sector agencies engaged in or promoting culturally & linguistically

competent service delivery, education, policies, and practices.

The New Jersey Statewide Network for Cultural Competence invites individuals and agencies that have roots and experience with diverse populations to actively participate and share their knowledge, skills, and expertise. An inclusive definition of diversity is employed which focuses on the intersection of race, ethnicity, cultural background, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, language, literacy, religion, socioeconomic status, geography, military service, and other factors, and is consistent with the DHHS Office of Minority Health's National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health and Health Care.

<http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/template/s/browse.aspx?lvl=2&lvlid=15>

Goals

Goal 1: To identify existing resources in New Jersey; i.e. agencies and individuals who have knowledge and skills working with people from diverse needs, cultures, languages or population groups.

Goal 2: To foster professional development and education.

Goal 3: To stimulate, promote and celebrate the development and dissemination of best and promising practices in culturally and linguistically competent service delivery.

Objectives

- Promote knowledge, dissemination, exchange and application of culturally and linguistically competent practices.
- Demonstrate that such practices increase access; improve quality of care, services, and outcomes; reduce disparities and foster health equity.
- Share policy and practice guidelines in culturally and linguistically competent service delivery.
- Collect, compile and share resource information on programs and services that are culturally and linguistically competent.
- Provide a statewide resource tool/guide for accessing culturally and linguistically competent services to individuals and families with diverse needs.
- Identify key stakeholders and constituencies and opportunities for affiliations and future collaborative activities.

To receive information about New Jersey Statewide Cultural Competence events and trainings, join our listserv.

- *Send your email address to:*
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Visit the web site at:

www.nj.gov/njsncc to learn more about this Interagency and Community Partnership, and search a resource database to individuals and agencies participating in the New Jersey Statewide Network for Cultural Competence.

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***“We believe culturally and
linguistically competent practices
increase access and improve
quality of services”***